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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of September 9, 2020

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East Hampton, CT, September 9, 2020 – According to the most recent information from the Chatham Health District, East Hampton has seen a sharp increase in the number of cases in the last two weeks. The Town saw seven new cases with our total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases rising to 62 since tracking began in March. While this is disappointing news for the community, it continues to demonstrate the need to take protective measures for ourselves and others by adhering to the proper guidelines and quarantine rules. We must remain diligent.

The Chatham Health District reports that the increase in cases is generally linked to late summer travel to locations on the State's travel advisory list and to college age people, many of whom are being tested before returning to school. The Health District and the Town remind residents to maintain "social distancing" of at least 6 feet, stay away from larger groups of people, wear a face mask that covers both the mouth and nose, and practice good hand hygiene. Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds especially after being in public, sneezing, coughing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. Protect others by staying home if you are sick or have traveled to locations identified in the State's travel advisory, covering coughs and sneezes, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The Town is beginning to hold some in-person public meetings but physical attendance at these meetings is limited to 25 people including the members and other attendees. Smaller meetings of boards and commissions that have smaller attendance will occur via in-person only but will require social distancing and mask wearing. Larger meetings, including the Town Council, Planning Commission, Conservation-Lake Commission and others with larger attendance, will either utilize a hybrid approach for their meetings or will hold them entirely online. The hybrid approach will allow the members and some attendees to be in-person but active participation by others will be accommodated using the Town's Zoom platform. Details will be presented on each meeting's agenda, which is posted on the Town website.

For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1. For information on Town services, monitor the Town's website and social media.

The next Town update is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22.